

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

- 1.-12. (Canceled)
13. (Currently amended) A method for reducing TSNAs in air cured tobacco, comprising the step of:
air curing genetically engineered engineering said tobacco which includes to include at least one gene in a vitamin C biosynthetic pathway and produces increased endogenous levels of vitamin C, and, wherein said step of genetically engineering said engineered tobacco has results in reduced levels of TSNAs in said tobacco upon completing said air curing step.
14. (Currently amended) The plant method of claim 13, wherein said tobacco includes more than one copy of said gene.
15. (Currently amended) The plant method of claim 13, wherein said tobacco further includes a means for enhancing to enhance transcription of said gene or genes.
16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said pathway includes a *myo*-inositol oxygenase enzyme.
17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein said pathway includes a L-gulono-*gamma*-lactone oxidase enzyme.
18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one gene is rodent L-gulono-*gamma*-lactone oxidase enzyme.
19. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one gene encodes a *myo*-inositol oxygenase enzyme.
- 20.-23. (Canceled)